



Captain Mark J. Campbell Chief of Staff First Coast Guard District



Following graduation and commissioning from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in 1977, Captain Campbell reported to USCGC EVERGREEN (WAGO 295), an oceanographic research vessel in New London, Connecticut, where he served as Operations Officer and Navigator. In 1979 he was selected for command afloat and was assigned as Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT COUNTISS (WPB 82335) homeported in Port Angeles, Washington.

From 1981 to 1984 Captain Campbell served as a watch supervisor at Vessel Traffic Service Houston/Galveston, Texas, then returned to sea as Executive Officer aboard USCGC EVERGREEN, re-designated as a medium endurance cutter with a law enforcement mission of counternarcotics and fisheries. In 1986 he reported to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy where he served for four years as an instructor, and later as an Associate Professor in the Professional Development Department.

In 1990 Captain Campbell assumed duties as Executive Officer aboard USCGC NORTHLAND (WHEC 904), a 270 foot "famous class" cutter, where he served until 1992. In 1993 he graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he earned a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. From 1993 to 1995 Captain Campbell was stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he served as the Senior Coast Guard Officer/Liaison Officer to the Navy Fleet Training Group, and as a staff element of COMLANTAREA (Aof-4).

Captain Campbell's next assignment was as Commanding Officer of USCGC CAMPBELL (WMEC 909) from 1995 to 1997. During this tour CAMPBELL steamed nearly 55,000 miles in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Caribbean. In three different seizures, over 1500 kilos of cocaine and marijuana were seized worth an estimated street value of \$75 million dollars. In July of 1996 CAMPBELL also served as On Scene Commander for the TWA Flight 800 tragedy.

From 1997 to July 2000 he served as the Assistant Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, where he was responsible for the day to day administration, discipline, and professional training of the 850 member Corps of Cadets.

During his next assignment, Captain Campbell served as a CNO Fellow on the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group in Newport, Rhode Island. This ten month fellowship studied and produced innovative warfighting and administrative concepts in response to tasking by the Chief of Naval Operations.

From August 2000 until May 2003, he served as the Coast Guard Advisor to the President of the Naval War College, and as a Faculty member in the Operations Department. Captain Campbell then assumed command of USCGC MELLON (WHEC 717), homeported in Seattle, WA in May 2003. Under his command, MELLON sailed over 65,000 nautical miles from the Strait of Malacca to the Panama Canal and from the ice edge in the Gulf of Alaska to the Galapagos south of the equator. During this time MELLON interdicted over 6.2 tons of cocaine, saved the lives of 258 migrants adrift on the high seas, and earned the Commandant's Gunnery Award in 2003.

Captain Campbell assumed his present duties as the Chief of Staff in the First Coast Guard District, Boston, MA in July 2005.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

Captain Campbell is married to the former Nancy M. Barden of Mystic, Connecticut. They have three children: Erica, Nicole, and Nathan.

